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By Senators McAuliffe, Pelz, Rasmussen, Kohl and Wojahn; by request of Board of Education

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1 AN ACT Relating to teacher preparation; amending RCW 28A.410.030
2 and 28A.305.130; and repealing RCW 28A.305.230, 28A.305.240,
3 28A.305.245, 28A.305.250, 28A.410.020, 28A.415.290, and 28B.40.380.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.410.030 and 1993 c 336 s 801 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) ~~((Effective May 1, 1996, the state board of education shall~~
8 ~~require teacher certification candidates applying for initial~~
9 ~~certification to pass an individual assessment before being granted an~~
10 ~~initial certificate. The assessment shall include but not be limited~~
11 ~~to essay questions. The requirement shall be waived for out-of-state~~
12 ~~applicants with more than three years of teaching experience. The~~
13 ~~assessment shall test knowledge and competence in subjects including,~~
14 ~~but not limited to, instructional skills, classroom management, student~~
15 ~~behavior and development, oral and written language skills, student~~
16 ~~performance-based assessment skills, and other knowledge, skills, and~~
17 ~~attributes needed to be successful in assisting all students, including~~
18 ~~students with diverse and unique needs, in achieving mastery of the~~
19 ~~essential academic learning requirements established pursuant to RCW~~

1 ~~28A.630.885. In administering the assessment, the state board shall~~
2 ~~address the needs of certification candidates who have specific~~
3 ~~learning disabilities or physical conditions that may require special~~
4 ~~consideration in taking the assessment.~~

5 (2)) The state board of education may require teacher
6 certification candidates to pass an individual assessment before being
7 granted an initial or residency certificate.

8 (2) Before establishing an assessment authorized under subsection
9 (1) of this section, and not later than January 1, 1997, the state
10 board shall study and report to the legislature on the following
11 issues:

12 (a) How an individual assessment would be linked to state board-
13 adopted performance-based program approval standards;

14 (b) How an individual assessment would be linked to the
15 performance-based public education system under RCW 28A.630.885; and

16 (c) Whether, in lieu of requiring the assessment for initial or
17 residency certification, the assessment should be required as a
18 diagnostic tool and the results used for professional growth purposes
19 while the teacher holds the residency certificate.

20 (3) In conducting the study under subsection (2) of this section
21 the state board shall take into consideration any recommendations from
22 the board's professional education advisory committee and the
23 Washington advisory council for professional teaching standards.

24 (4) The state board of education shall adopt such rules as may be
25 necessary to implement this section, including, but not limited to,
26 rules establishing ((the)) any fees as may be assessed persons who
27 apply to take the assessment and the circumstances, if any, under which
28 such fees may be refunded in whole or part. ((Fees shall be set at a
29 level not higher than the costs for administering the tests. Fees
30 shall not include costs of developing the test.)) Fee revenues
31 received under this section shall be deposited in the teacher
32 assessment revolving fund hereby established in the custody of the
33 state treasurer. The fund is subject to the allotment procedures
34 provided under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for
35 disbursement. The ((superintendent of public instruction)) state board
36 of education shall ((be responsible for administering)) administer the
37 assessment program ((consistent with state board of education rules)).
38 The ((superintendent of public instruction)) state board of education
39 shall expend moneys from the teacher assessment revolving fund

1 exclusively for the direct and indirect costs of establishing,
2 equipping, maintaining, and operating the assessment program.

3 ~~((3) The state board of education shall only require the~~
4 ~~assessment in subsection (1) of this section when the legislature~~
5 ~~appropriates funds to develop the assessment under this section.))~~

6 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.305.130 and 1991 c 116 s 11 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 In addition to any other powers and duties as provided by law, the
9 state board of education shall:

10 (1) Require that no person may be admitted to a professional
11 teacher preparation program within Washington state without first
12 demonstrating that he or she is competent in the basic skills required
13 for oral and written communication and computation. The board shall
14 adopt rules to implement this requirement, including criteria for
15 providing waivers as necessary.

16 (2) Approve or disapprove the program of courses leading to
17 teacher, school administrator, and school specialized personnel
18 certification offered by all institutions of higher education within
19 the state which may be accredited and whose graduates may become
20 entitled to receive such certification.

21 ~~((2))~~ (3) Conduct every five years a review of the program
22 approval standards, including the minimum standards for teachers,
23 administrators, and educational staff associates, to reflect research
24 findings and assure continued improvement of preparation programs for
25 teachers, administrators, and educational staff associates.

26 ~~((3))~~ (4) Investigate the character of the work required to be
27 performed as a condition of entrance to and graduation from any
28 institution of higher education in this state relative to such
29 certification as provided for in subsection ~~((1) above)~~ (2) of this
30 section, and prepare a list of accredited institutions of higher
31 education of this and other states whose graduates may be awarded such
32 certificates.

33 ~~((4))~~ (5)(a) The state board of education shall adopt rules to
34 allow a teacher certification candidate to fulfill, in part, teacher
35 preparation program requirements through work experience as a
36 noncertificated teacher's aide in a public school or private school
37 meeting the requirements of RCW 28A.195.010. The rules shall include,
38 but are not limited to, limitations based upon the recency of the

1 teacher preparation candidate's teacher aide work experience, and
2 limitations based on the amount of work experience that may apply
3 toward teacher preparation program requirements under this chapter.

4 (b) The state board of education shall require that at the time of
5 the individual's enrollment in a teacher preparation program, the
6 supervising teacher and the building principal shall jointly provide to
7 the teacher preparation program of the higher education institution at
8 which the teacher candidate is enrolled, a written assessment of the
9 performance of the teacher candidate. The assessment shall contain
10 such information as determined by the state board of education and
11 shall include: Evidence that at least fifty percent of the candidate's
12 work as a noncertificated teacher's aide was involved in instructional
13 activities with children under the supervision of a certificated
14 teacher and that the candidate worked a minimum of six hundred thirty
15 hours for one school year; the type of work performed by the candidate;
16 and a recommendation of whether the candidate's work experience as a
17 noncertificated teacher's aide should be substituted for teacher
18 preparation program requirements. In compliance with such rules as may
19 be established by the state board of education under this section, the
20 teacher preparation programs of the higher education institution where
21 the candidate is enrolled shall make the final determination as to what
22 teacher preparation program requirements may be fulfilled by teacher
23 aide work experience.

24 ((+5)) (6) Supervise the issuance of such certificates as provided
25 for in subsection ((+1) above) (2) of this section and specify the
26 types and kinds of certificates necessary for the several departments
27 of the common schools by rule or regulation in accordance with RCW
28 28A.410.010.

29 ((+6)) (7) Accredite, subject to such accreditation standards and
30 procedures as may be established by the state board of education, all
31 schools that apply for accreditation, and approve, subject to the
32 provisions of RCW 28A.195.010, private schools carrying out a program
33 for any or all of the grades one through twelve: PROVIDED, That no
34 public or private schools shall be placed upon the list of accredited
35 schools so long as secret societies are knowingly allowed to exist
36 among its students by school officials: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the
37 state board may elect to require all or certain classifications of the
38 public schools to conduct and participate in such pre-accreditation

1 examination and evaluation processes as may now or hereafter be
2 established by the board.

3 ~~((+7))~~ (8) Make rules ~~((and—regulations))~~ governing the
4 establishment in any existing nonhigh school district of any secondary
5 program or any new grades in grades nine through twelve. Before any
6 such program or any new grades are established the district must obtain
7 prior approval of the state board.

8 ~~((+8))~~ (9) Prepare such outline of study for the common schools as
9 the board shall deem necessary, and prescribe such rules for the
10 general government of the common schools, as shall seek to secure
11 regularity of attendance, prevent truancy, secure efficiency, and
12 promote the true interest of the common schools.

13 ~~((+9))~~ (10) Continuously reevaluate courses and adopt and enforce
14 regulations within the common schools so as to meet the educational
15 needs of students and articulate with the institutions of higher
16 education and unify the work of the public school system.

17 ~~((+10))~~ (11) Carry out board powers and duties relating to the
18 organization and reorganization of school districts under RCW
19 28A.315.010 through 28A.315.680 and 28A.315.900.

20 ~~((+11))~~ (12) By rule ~~((or—regulation promulgated))~~ adopted upon
21 the advice of the director of community, trade, and economic
22 development, through the director of fire protection, provide for
23 instruction of pupils in the public and private schools carrying out a
24 K through 12 program, or any part thereof, so that in case of sudden
25 emergency they shall be able to leave their particular school building
26 in the shortest possible time or take such other steps as the
27 particular emergency demands, and without confusion or panic; such
28 rules ~~((and—regulations))~~ shall be published and distributed to
29 certificated personnel throughout the state whose duties shall include
30 a familiarization therewith as well as the means of implementation
31 thereof at their particular school.

32 ~~((+12))~~ (13) Hear and decide appeals as otherwise provided by law.

33 The state board of education is given the authority to promulgate
34 information and rules dealing with the prevention of child abuse for
35 purposes of curriculum use in the common schools.

36 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The following acts or parts of acts are each
37 repealed:

38 (1) RCW 28A.305.230 and 1985 c 419 s 1;

1 (2) RCW 28A.305.240 and 1990 c 33 s 268 & 1987 c 525 s 217;
2 (3) RCW 28A.305.245 and 1991 c 259 s 3;
3 (4) RCW 28A.305.250 and 1990 c 33 s 269, 1989 c 11 s 4, & 1987 c
4 525 s 226;
5 (5) RCW 28A.410.020 and 1991 c 116 s 20, 1988 c 251 s 4, & 1987 c
6 525 s 202;
7 (6) RCW 28A.415.290 and 1993 c 336 s 406; and
8 (7) RCW 28B.40.380 and 1977 ex.s. c 169 s 80, 1975 1st ex.s. c 275
9 s 147, 1969 ex.s. c 176 s 155, & 1969 ex.s. c 223 s 28B.40.380.

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